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(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the work is likely to be undertaken; and

(*d*) what the estimated cost is and when it is to be completed and the actual supply made to the town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether any definite information can be furnished now, as the answer was sent long ago? May I know at what stage the matter now is?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Negotiations are going on between the consumers and the licensees."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"Have they reached any definite stage?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"I am not aware."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Will the Government enquire whether these companies are progressing properly or not?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"There are conditions in these licences. The Government will take care to see that these conditions are properly observed."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Edappadi, Salem district.

* 325 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Edappadi in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf; if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) when the work is to be undertaken; what the estimated cost is of the work and when will the actual supply of current be available in the town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether the company is not willing to take the distribution of energy to these towns as its period of contract has sufficiently advanced and states that it is not desirable for them to incur much by way of capital expenditure. And if so, will the Government see their way to have the distribution made by themselves?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" There is no information so far as the first part of the question is concerned and the second part does not arise."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Musiri, Turaiyur, Namakkal and Rasipur.

* 326 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Musiri, Turaiyur, etc., in Trichinopoly district, and Namakkal, Rasipur, etc., in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether the agreement has been approved in this case;

(*c*) whether a copy of the agreement will be placed on the table;

(*d*) when the work is to be undertaken; and

(*e*) what the estimated cost is, and when the actual supply of current is made to each of these towns in this scheme?

A.—(*a*) A line connecting Kattuputhur, Musiri and Kulittalai with a possible extension to Turaiyur in the Trichinopoly district and an extension of the 22 K.V. line to reach Rasipuram and Namakkal in the Salem district are under contemplation. A load survey has been made and the reports are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer for Electricity.

(*b*) No agreements have been executed by any of the local bodies concerned.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) & (*e*) The scrutiny of the schemes by the Chief Engineer is not completed. If they are found to be paying their inclusion in the Chief Engineer's proposals for next year will be considered.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know whether in this case the Government are proposing to have the distribution made by themselves or are contemplating to give it to any private company?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" As at present advised, the Government would try to introduce it themselves, wherever possible."